

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3699/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Objective 1 areas in Connacht/Ulster (Ireland)

My Connacht/Ulster constituency at present comprises 8 'Objective 1' counties. After the 2004 European elections, the constituency of Connacht/Ulster will be renamed and enlarged. One county will be added, which, at present, has 'Objective 1 in transition' status. This county is County Clare, at present in the Munster constituency.

Can the European Commission inform me if the enlarged constituency will then comprise 8 'Objective 1 in transition' counties and can you also inform me of the proposed status of County Clare?